

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-53 are pending in the present application.

II. Response to Restriction and Election of Species

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected groups in a divisional application.

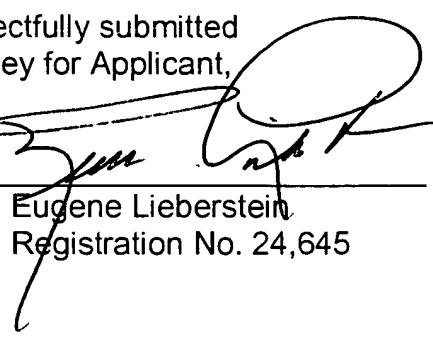
Applicants hereby elect Group I, inclusive of claims 1-24 drawn to protein conjugates and methods of making them, without traverse.

Applicants note the Examiner's comment regarding rejoinder at starting at page 4 of the Office Communication. Applicants point out that following rejoinder method claims not incorporating the limitations of the product claims will be amended, where necessary, during the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this reply is responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. However, should the Examiner wish to further discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Audrey de Souza 9/28/06